

REMARKS

The present Amendment simply enters the May 14, 2001 Preliminary Amendment which was apparently was not entered so as to cancel claims 1-16 and add new claims 17-40. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 17-40.

Based on discussions with the Examiner it was agreed that the present Amendment will be entered so as to place the application in the condition in which it should have been on May 14, 2001. As noted during the discussions with the Examiner the May 14, 2001 Preliminary Amendment which canceled claims 1-16 and added new claims 17-40 apparently was not entered as it should have been. The non-entry of the May 14, 2001 Preliminary Amendment resulted in claims 1-16 being examined instead of claims 17-40. Applicants wish for the Examiner to examine claims 17-40.

Therefore, entry of the present Amendment and examination of the present application based on claims 17-40 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.28166CX2).

Respectfully submitted,

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